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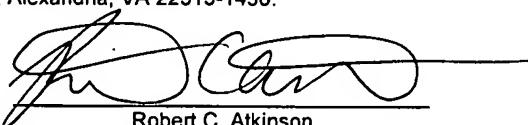
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Honorable Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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